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Myanmar should take back Rohingyas



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The Rohingyas of Myanmar have been living in different parts of Bangladesh including Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, and Bandarban for long. The government of Myanmar didn't take any step till now to take their citizens back to their country and also Bangladesh is not active regarding this matter. Day by day their (Rohingya's) number is increasing. The Rohingya militants are also gathering on the borders of Bangladesh which is very alarming. Very recently 13 Rohingyas have been arrested from the hills. The government should remain alert and create pressure on Myanmar to take the Rohingyas back in their country. It is a matter of regret that USA recently again called on the government of Bangladesh to open its borders for sheltering the Rohingyas. The US ambassador to Bangladesh Dan Mozena said that

the Rohingyas would come here and would return to their country on their own. He further said that the government of Bangladesh has to ensure that they get food and treatment. This statement of the ambassador is very worrying because if the borders remain open, the militant Rohingyas will enter Bangladesh. Besides, as a developing country Bangladesh has various problems including financial problem. Myanmar has to resolve its internal problem. The UN or USA, instead of creating pressure on Bangladesh, should create pressure on Myanmar government so that they solve their internal problem and take back their own citizens.
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Punish those poisoning food

It is sad that milk and meat are contaminated nowadays. We consume these two items daily. So if these products are contaminated, then it is sure to affect negatively on our health. The antibiotics found in great amount in milk and meat are hazardous for humans as they can lead to inflammation of the urinary system, skin, eye and lead to bone diseases. Not only this, such contaminated items if consumed can damage our brain cells and also cause problem in the respiratory system.

Hence, public health and consumers' rights are violated. Nobody has the right to act in a manner that will ultimately affect the health of the consumers. It is a crime and the perpetrators should receive severe punishment. The government is responsible for ensuring safe food. They should check food adulteration through heightened market monitoring. Public health must be the concern of every government.

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'Human hauler' a disgraceful term

I have noticed that some newspapers when referring to vehicles which carry people from one place to another call them 'human haulers'. It seems very odd and disrespectful.

So, it would be wise not to use that word when mentioning vehicles which carry people. I hope the print media will consider the matter seriously.

Nur Jahan
Chittagong

Zak and Mika saved

Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) gave the Aquarium des Iles permission to release the two six-month-old harp seal pups who were to be put down on September 15. The decision was taken on 21st September 2012 following appeal from the Care2 members and other animal lover groups plus press coverage.

It may be mentioned here that one of the letters of this writer on this issue was published recently in these columns. It is sincerely hoped that killing of harp seals for commercial gains would stop.

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Commendable job by RAB

While in a bus crossing the Malibagh rail gate near Malibagh DIT road, I noticed a RAB vehicle standing at a corner of that busy road. At first I thought it's negligence on part of the RAB personnel. They parked their vehicle almost in the middle of the road where there is always a tailback. When the bus I was travelling by was passing them, one of the RAB officials from the car signalled our bus driver to stop. I as well as all other passengers of the bus got annoyed as the driver had to park the bus behind their car. The man in black came to the gate of the bus and asked one of the staff of the bus to bring the papers needed for the enquiry. Not to waste the time of the passengers, he directed the driver to go forward and took with him only one staff of the bus.

Though there are hundreds of allegations against the black cops of human rights violations, some of their contributions are really praiseworthy. It's definitely a better idea to deploy RAB personnel on the important streets of Dhaka where drivers always ignore traffic rules and do not care the traffic police. Again, thanks to those RAB officers who care for the comfort of the public in general.

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Tyranny in treatment's name

Your front page report of 18th. September, along with the photograph of the victim, recounts the horrifying and criminal negligence of Golam Mostafa, the owner of 'Anwara Diagnostic Center.' In the interest of public safety, government should carry out an immediate inquiry into this cruel and inhuman behaviour of the diagnostic centre's owner.

If the reported incident could be verified, then criminal proceedings might be taken against the owner, and the victim be immediately compensated. Further, the centre's license should be permanently cancelled in the interest of public safety. Such criminal behaviour and acts, as reported, can not be allowed in a civilised society. They deserve exemplary punishment. Victimising patients in the name of treatment must be stopped! A prompt and well publicised action needs to be taken immediately so that such crimes are eradicated.
S.A. Mansoor

Uncalled-for violence



PHOTO: STAR

I was extremely disappointed that hartal was called on 23rd September. This is like punishing Bangladeshis for something they had nothing to do with. Police vehicles were damaged and set on fire. These vehicles have been bought with the taxpayers' money. I see no justification for this. All this has nothing to do with Islam. By displaying violence Muslims are falling into the trap that has been set by the very people who show disrespect to our religion. Please realise that this is exactly what they want us to do. All the violence is being shown on CNN, BBC, Al-Jazeera and so on. Action like this is what prompts the UN to blacklist us as a violent and extremist nation.

I urge the Muslims all over the world not to fall into the trap. By being violent, we become no better than them.

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The recent controversial film depicting our Prophet Muhammad(sm) in an offensive manner incited a surge of unrest all over the globe. Indeed it is an idiotic film where the 13-minute trailer has portrayed our beloved Prophet(sm) in the vilest possible manner! But the way we are protesting is not logical at all because damaging public transports will never have any effect on the Americans. Islam never permits such ruthless violence. The great Prophet(sm) himself was compassionate and merciful. So destroying public vehicles or attacking the police is only violence against our own existence.

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A commendable decision

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has recently asked all the mobile phone operators to switch to a 10-second pulse call rate. I highly appreciate this decision. 10-second pulse means if one talks for 16 seconds, the operator will charge him for 20 seconds and not for the whole 1 minute. This has made call costs significantly low. It was quite necessary because to make telecommunication accessible to all, the call cost must be low. Likewise, a reduction in the cost of mobile internet connections would be very commendable. With lower costs and increased usage of such technologies, Bangladesh can improve its ranking in the ICT Development Index.

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READERS respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Tuesday's *The Daily Star* news report headlined "Rivers officially made thinner"

Iftikhar-ul-Awwal

The HC order and subsequent ministerial decision to rectify the faulty demarcations have not been carried out. In many cases the foreshores have been filled up by land grabbers in connivance with men in authority. The weakness of the government to enforce HC directives is due mainly to real estate firms many of which belong to AL supporters. As civil administration including the ministries, BIWTA and the district administrations have failed to reclaim khas land as per the CS and RS record, we may requisition the armed forces (as in many other cases they are our last resort) to implement the directives of the court and ministries. We want to see this historic city in a befitting setting worthy to be the capital of our country.

Dev Saha

Do not worry; it is going to be thinner with time.

Dr. Ahsan Habib

Is it not the same government that jumped to repeal 13th amendment because of a short order from the same Supreme Court? What happened to the government's allegiance to the High Court?

Nasirullah Mridha

Most of the ministries of the government have failed to live up to the public expectation. Share Market scam, MLM fraud, Hall Mark-Sonali Bank scam, Railwaygate scam, etc., are a few examples of government's failure. Now if the river grabbers choke the full swath of the foreshores, we will not be surprised because we are now accustomed to see this kind of misdeed.

Mayen Uddin Tazim

This is a longstanding issue. The influential people occupied the rivers around Dhaka city ignoring the High Court order and subsequent ministerial decision. The whole environment was affected by this activity and the rivers have become narrow. The nation wants to know how these land grabbers have become more powerful than the High Court and the government executive bodies as well as the law enforcement agencies. Many environmental organisations have raised their voice against these illegal occupiers. But we have not seen any positive result so far.

A reader

The media can play the major role in freeing our rivers from the illegal occupiers. The Daily Star did a good job in the past to save the rivers. It can again organise a campaign to make all people aware about the importance of the rivers for our survival and also create pressure on the government to take stern actions against the occupiers. All the newspapers should give this issue a prominent space in their front pages. Together we will fight

Cruel game bull fighting

Games and sports are for amusement and development of the body and mind. From time immemorial a large number of people have engaged themselves in many games and people heartily love and adore the players more than the film stars.

But it is a matter of great regret that some games are very cruel in nature and many sportsmen meet their tragic end in those games. In the past, many heartless kings or rulers got pleasure engaging two rival players with open swords and in the end one would win killing the other. Sometimes a man had to fight with a tiger or a lion and, finally, one of them won but the other lost his/its life.

Still there are many games in modern times that cannot be termed gentleman's game. We often hear the death news of many players in boxing, wrestling, bull fighting etc. Among them, bull fighting is the worst type of game. Probably, it is the national game of Spain and lots of people regularly visit the fighting ground to see this game between a very strong bull and a man. People cry out merrily when a bull throws away the rider and attacks him with its strong pair of horns.

Recently, some animal rights advocates appealed for stopping bull fighting in France. But the Constitutional Council of France has opined that the game does not harm the constitutional rights of people. Really, we are unable to understand how a game like this can continue legally in the so-called 'developed' countries like Spain and France!